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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 July 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1, 2 and 4-10 have been amended and claim 3 is cancelled on an amendment filed on 7/7/2004. Claims 1, 2, 4-10 have been examined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claim 1, 2 and 4-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nolan (UK Patent Application GB 2264373 A) in view of Takenaka et al. (hereinafter referred to as Takenaka) (US Patent No. 5,917,908).

4. As per claims 1 and 8-9, Nolan teaches a method for providing copy protection to data stored on storage medium, wherein the data stored on the storage medium is arranged in blocks [column 2, lines 27-30], wherein each of said data blocks to be written on said storage medium are encrypted with a key which is derived from a position of one or more data blocks on the storage medium and a shared secret (i.e., blocks of data to be stored on the storage medium are encrypted with different keys which are derived from a common key as a function of the storage location of the data blocks) [column 3, lines 1-27]. Nolan does not explicitly teach a method of writing a data block into the storage medium that is chosen at random. However,

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writing data into a position on a storage medium that is chosen at random is well known in the art. For example, Takenaka teaches a method of storing files in a storage unit, wherein an address at which the file is stored is selected from predetermined number of random numbers, allowing the files to be stored at random in the storage unit [column 5, lines 35-45]. Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to write a data block into a position on a storage medium that is chosen at random as taught by Takenaka and employ it into the copy-protection system of Nolan so that data can be stored in the storage unit at random, and allowing randomization of data sectors.

5. As per claim 2, the combination of Nolan and Takenaka teaches the method as applied above. Furthermore, Takenaka teaches storing data at location in a storage medium, wherein the location is selected from among randomly generated numbers.

6. As per claims 4-6, the combination of Nolan and Takenaka teaches the method as applied above. Furthermore, Nolan teaches the method, wherein a block is encrypted with a key dependent on the position of said block, a previously written block, all of the blocks [column 3, lines 1-27].

7. As per claim 7, the combination of Nolan and Takenaka teaches the method as applied above. Furthermore, Nolan teaches the method wherein the storage medium is a solid state memory module [column 4, lines 13-22].

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1, 2, 3-10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

9. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a).

Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Beemnet W Dada whose telephone number is (571) 272-3847. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (9:00 am - 5:30 pm).


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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Y Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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